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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCE LETTER TO ROK PRESIDENT
CHUN

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT
2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING
PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCES CONCERNING KOREAN AIR
FLIGHT 858 TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENT CHUN DOO HWAN.
4. (BEGIN TEXT) DEAR PRESIDENT CHUN: I WRITE WITH HEAVY
HEART TO EXPRESS THE CONDOLENCES OF ALL AMERICANS ON THE
APPALLING TRAGEDY OF KOREAN AIR FLIGHT 858. WE EXTEND
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY
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TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS.

I HAVE NOTED WITH THE DEEPEST CONCERN REPORTS INDICATING
THE DISASTER MAY HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF TERRORISTS. I

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HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT OUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO
WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS TO
INVESTIGATE THE DISASTER.

THE SADNESS EVOKED BY THIS EVENT IS ALL THE GREATER AS WE
ENTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THOSE WHO
LOST LOVED ONES IN THIS CATASTROPHE.

SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

HIS EXCELLENCY
CHUN DOO HWAN,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
SEOUL. (END TEXT)

5. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. SHULTZ

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